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Dear Commissioner Gary Pierce

RE: Far West Water & Sewer, Docket Numbers WS-03478A-08-0454 and
WS-03478A-08-0608

As a Far West Sewer customer, I am concerned with the latest Far West strategy. I understood the Commission was considering the appointment of an interim manager if the loan for \$5.5 million was not obtained within 30 days of the decision meeting on 16 December 2009. Far West apparently lied when they said the \$5.5 million loan was in escrow. Far West continues to be in violation of ADEQ permit to operate Palm Shadows. They were only licensed to operate two percolation - evaporation ponds and now have six open, five of which are holding sewerage. The odor from these ponds is often unbearable to the residents of Vista Del Sol, especially to those living South of 37th street. Manholes often reek odors all over Vista Del Sol. The odors and improper operation of Palm Shadows is a violation Far West has apparently never attempted to correct. ADEQ has done little oversight. If ever there was a need for change in Far West management, now is the time.

They also apparently lied when they presented a need for emergency rate increase, for they continue to operate without the capital demanded by the emergency and without the \$5.5 million loan.

What more does the Commission need to appoint an interim manager?

Now, I understand, Far West has discharged the attorney representing them and replaced him with a new attorney with no background on the case.

The result, as I understand it, will be a new docket assignment with no record of public input under previous docket numbers, WS-03478A-08-0454 and WS-03478A-08-0608. I would urge the commission to include the previous public testimony and record, as it applies, in any new docket assigned. The Far West history has not changed. This new Far West strategy continues to be of great concern to all Far West customers.

Moreover, I would urge the Commission to consider holding hearings and meetings in Yuma during the season between November and May so public participation may be maximized.

The Commission has been very patient with Far West and has demonstrated fairness to all Far West Sewer customer base. I truly appreciate your patience and efforts.

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Arizona Corporation Commission Sincerely,

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